King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual	
	Chapter 4 **Security and Use of Force**	
4.03.001, Impact Weapons	Approved By:	Director Allen Nance
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Purpose
To establish guidelines for use of impact weapons within the Department.

Policy
It is the policy of this Department that impact weapons only be used by trained staff and only be used in accordance with the Use of Force policy.

References
Department Policies: 4.03.014, Use of Force

Definitions
Baton: An instrument measuring less than 32" that is manufactured to be used as an impact weapon.
Collapsible baton: A baton that collapses for storage and carrying purposes.
Impact weapon: Department issued baton, collapsible baton or riot baton.
Riot baton: A baton 32" or greater in length.

A. General Guidelines
1. No C2 [redacted] perimeter of a facility, unless authorized by a Sergeant or higher-ranking authority.
2. The Commanders or their designees shall make recommendations to the Director of which impact weapons should be authorized.
3. Only impact weapons approved by the Director are authorized to be carried by uniformed staff.

B. Authorized Use
1. Only uniformed staff who have successfully completed impact weapons training are authorized to carry an impact weapon and use must be in accordance with Department policy, 4.03.014, Use of Force.
2. Officers shall not intentionally strike vital areas, to include the head, neck, face, throat, spine, groin, or kidney area unless deadly force is authorized, following policy 4.03.014, Use of Force.

3. Impact weapons shall not be drawn or expanded unless the uniformed staff member has a reasonable belief that their use may be necessary.
4. Officers should reassess the effectiveness of impact weapon strikes as soon as safe and feasible, and if not effective, move to another appropriate target or to another tactical or physical force option.